

State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Soil Survey Soil Sampling

LOCATION: Humboldt Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Collect soil samples in old growth redwoods stands near Cottoncove and Eel River in Humboldt Redwoods State Park for analysis by the National Soil Survey Laboratory and to support soil maps of the park. Work will manually excavate 2 pits, about 150 cm (60 inches) deep and 60 x 70 cm square (24-28 inches square), at the base; collect one gallon of soil material from each identified soil layer; and collect 4 each, 3/4 cup size clods for bulk density and thin section analysis.

Sites will be selected away from redwood trees to inhibit the potential for root damage and so no roots over 1 inch in diameter will be cut; excavation outside the rainy period and the disposition of excess soil, at least 50 feet from any watercourse reduces the risk of soil traveling to watercourses. In addition, topsoil will be separated to be spread as a top dressing upon closure of the pits; pit design will comply with OSHA regulations; and test pits will be excavated, described, and closed in one day to inhibit wildlife trapping or entry by the public.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:


- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption

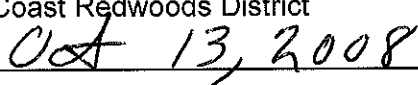
Class: 6 Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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